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CAPE MEARES LIGHTHOUSE PARKING AREA Project OR RRP CAME 900(1)

This week did not follow the plan of events that was scheduled. As you may recall we closed the park for paving. The weather on the intended paving days Tuesday and Wednesday was ideal and all the notices were out that the park was closed. To site an old cliché, something of best laid plans, etc, yes they went sour, the plan for paving that is. No black top this week. It seems that everything was in place to pave, the paving company out of the Portland area was to move equipment in Monday and the asphalt was to come from either Lincoln City or Newport. The glitch in this plan was moving the asphalt from the plant to Cape Meares, the contractor could not arrange for trucking. This was somewhat known last week, when the contractor was still working to arrange for trucks on Friday afternoon, but we were in hopes that he would by Tuesday.

The reason the asphalt was coming from Lincoln City or Newport was the local supplier SC Paving was out of asphalt rock. He had just started to produce rock in the Lighthouse Quarry when thieves stole all the copper cables supplying power to the motors and also from within the distribution panels last weekend. On Wednesday morning it was evident that thieves had also made a run on the contractor here at Cape Meares. The gate chain had been cut, the job shack broken into and a motor and pump from the water trailer was missing. The thieves managed to steal a number of expensive items and made off with some hand tools stored there by one of the employees. So if you saw anything suspicious going on Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning please call the Sheriff's office. To reduce the possibility to more theft the job shack and fence are being removed this Friday. For the rest of contract everyone will be packing in what they need in the morning and packing it out at the end of the day. Not the idea situation but better than offering more items up to the thieves.

We are meeting with another paving contractor on this coming Tuesday in hopes of getting the paving accomplished. It's possible that we could pave next week and that requires closing the park again with little notice. If that happens we will do everything we can to inform everyone of any closure.

With our weather turning wetter it's critical for this project that we pave at the earliest date possible, so please excuse any short notice on a park closure.

If you have any commits or concerns related to the construction please forward these to the listed Email address or call 360-907-0685.

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